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Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

Sendai, Japan (14-18 March 2015)

Official meetings

Tuesday, 17 March 2015

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

10:00 to 13:00 — 7th plenary meeting [webcast] — Exhibition Hall 2

1. General exchange of views [item 8] *(continued)*

Statement by His Excellency Jayeshwar Raj Dayal, Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development, Disaster and Beach Management of Mauritius

Statement by His Excellency Henri Djombo, Minister of Forest Economy and Sustainable Development of the Congo

Statement by His Excellency Paousman Jarju, Minister of Environment, Climate Change, Water and Wild Life of the Gambia

Statement by Mr. Wilbur Heine, Minister in Assistance to the President of Marshall Islands

Statement by Her Excellency Kadiatu N'diaye, Minister in charge of Environment, Water and Forest of Guinea

Statement by His Excellency Hilary Obaloker Onek, Minister for Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees of Uganda

Statement by His Excellency Ratu Inoke Kubuabola, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Fiji

Statement by Mr. Teimuraz Murgulia, First Deputy Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia

Benin

Nicaragua

Ireland

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Jordan

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2. Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

International Labour Organization

UN-Women

Council of Europe

Economic Community for Central African States

Sovereign Military Order of Malta

Secretariat of the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme

International Committee of the Red Cross

Pacific Island Forum

League of Arab States

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

World Health Organization

East African Community

3. Statements by non-governmental organizations [item 10]

Non-governmental organizations Major Group

Local Authorities Major Group

15:00 to 18:00 8th plenary meeting [webcast] Exhibition Hall 2

1. General exchange of views [item 8] *(continued)*

Statement by Her Excellency Nicole Angeline Zan Yelemou, Minister of Social Action and National Solidarity of Burkina Faso

Statement by His Excellency Eugene Serufuli, Minister for Rural Development of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Statement by Mr. Guy Maixent Mamiaka, Vice-Minister of Interior of Gabon

Statement by Mr. Syanga Abilio, Secretary of State of Angola

Canada

Belgium

Libya

Haiti

Finland

Afghanistan

Panama

Colombia

Sierra Leone

Lesotho

Cook Islands

Denmark

Uruguay

Barbados

Guyana

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United Nations Children's Fund

United Nations University

Gulf Cooperation Council

Pacific Community

Statement by Mr. Michel Jarraud, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization

International Hydrographic Organization

Intergovernmental Authority on Development

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Business and Industry Major Group

Children and Youth Major Group

Farmers and small forest landowners Major Group

Indigenous Peoples Major Group

High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue 3: Inclusive disaster risk management: Governments, communities and groups acting together

10:00 to 13:00 [webcast] Exhibition Hall 1

Co-Chairs

His Excellency Noel Arscott, Minister of Local Government and Community Development of Jamaica

His Excellency Vladimir Puchkov, Minister of Civil Defence, Emergencies and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disasters of the Russian Federation

Keynote speaker

His Excellency Anote Tong, President of the Republic of Kiribati

Moderator

Ms. Veronica Pedrosa, International journalist

Panellists

Her Excellency Laila Iskander, Minister of Urban Development and Informal Settlements of Egypt

Her Excellency Fatimetou Abdel Malick, Mayor of Tevragh-Zeina, Mauritania

Mr. Nicola Valluzzi, President of the province of Potenza, Italy

Mr. William Anthony Kirsopp Lake, Executive Director, United Nations Children's Fund

Mr. Michel Sidibe, Executive Director, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

Mr. Carlos Kaiser Mansilla, ONG Inclusiva, representative of Civil Society

Ms. Josephine Basibas Castillo, DAMPA, representative of Civil Society

Ministerial round table 5: Public investment strategies for disaster risk reduction

15:00 to 18:00 [webcast] Meeting Room 1 and 2 [A106]

Chair

Mr. Raed Arafat, Secretary of State, Ministry of Interior of Romania

Programme of working sessions and side events

The interactive online programme of working sessions and side events (on-site) to be held during the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction is available on the official Conference website (please *click here*). Queries regarding side events should be addressed to wcdrr2015@un.org (with subject line "Public Forum").

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 18 March 2015

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

10:00 to 13:00 9th plenary meeting Exhibition Hall 2[1]

1. Report by the chairs of the ministerial round tables
2. Report of the chairs of the high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues
3. Credentials of representatives to the Conference: Report of the Credentials Committee [item 7 (b)]
4. Adoption of the final outcomes of the Conference [item 11]
5. Other matters [item 12]
6. Adoption of the report of the Conference [item 13]

Closure of the Conference

[1] Exhibition Hall 1, the Main Hall and Hagi Hall will serve as overflow rooms.

Announcements

Delegates who received travel support are requested to go to Room B116 to sign attendance sheets.

The World Bank Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), the Government of Japan, the European Commission and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will host a special round of the Resilience Dialogue series as part of the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, from 10:00 to 11:30, at the Hotel Metropolitan Sendai, 4F Sendai Room.

A *daily* coordination briefing for Major Groups and other stakeholders will take place in Room B-115 of the Sendai International Centre.

"Hyogo Framework Action Success Story" videos will be showcased at the Auditorium, Sendai City Museum (opposite to Sendai International Centre) from 13:15 to 15:00 (*in English*). Please *click here* for the full broadcast schedule, and *click here* to watch the full playlist online.

Additional information on the Conference is available on the conference website (please *click here*).

Credentials

In accordance with rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, the credentials of representatives and names of alternate representatives and advisers should be addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and delivered to the Office of Legal Affairs located on B306, Level 3, Sendai International Conference Centre Building (Attn. Ms. Tomoko Iwata; or Mr. Keiichiro Okimoto). The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Union, by the President of the European Commission.

Accreditation

Accreditation of official delegations of States, intergovernmental organizations and associate members of regional commissions, as well as specialized agencies and related organizations, is handled by the United Nations Protocol and Liaison Service via the online system "eAccreditation". Submission of online accreditation requests for members of the delegations via "eAccreditation" system must be handled by permanent observer missions and offices in New York, who have already been registered and provided with secured login credential (password). Delegations wishing to attend the conference are advised to coordinate with their missions/offices in New York for timely submission of accreditation requests.

For detailed guideline on accreditation to the conference, please refer to the Protocol note verbale of 13 January 2015 (PRO/NV/WCDRR 2015/ARRANGEMENTS) posted on the protocol website www.un.int/protocol.

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 16 March 2015

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

[archive video]

5th plenary meeting

General exchange of views [item 8]

The Conference continued its general exchange of views under agenda item 8.

The Conference heard statements by Her Excellency Anabela Rodrigues, Minister of Internal Administration of Portugal; Her Excellency Lina Dolores Pohl, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of El Salvador; His Excellency Damcho Dorji, Minister of Home and Cultural Affairs of Bhutan; His Excellency Andre Johnson, Minister of Environment of Togo; His Excellency Marciej Grabowski, Minister of Environment of Poland; Mr. Vladimir Bozhko, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan; Mr. Mitiku Kassa, State Minister of Agriculture of Ethiopia; Mr. Desmond Sawyne, Minister of State for International Development of the United Kingdom; Mr. Miloš Bizjak, State Secretary at the Ministry of Defence of Slovenia; Mr. Silva Roque Samuel, Vice-Minister of State Administration and Public Service of Mozambique; Mr. René Oscar Cabrera Coca, Vice-Minister of Public Defence of the Plurinational State of Bolivia; Mr. Hans Brattskar, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway; Mr. Luis Aguilera, Vice-Minister for Home Affairs of Spain; Mr. Raed Arafat, Secretary of State in the Ministry of Interior of Romania; Mr. Thomas Silberhorn, State Secretary in the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany; Mr. Melizi Tahar, Vice-Minister and Head of the National Delegate for Major Risks of Algeria; the representatives of Hungary, Israel and the State of Palestine; Ms. Zoraima Cuello, Vice-Minister in the Presidency of the Dominican Republic; and the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the United States.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 8.

Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 9.

The Conference heard statements by Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States; and by a representative of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 9.

6th plenary meeting

General exchange of views [item 8]

The Conference continued its general exchange of views under agenda item 8.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency Dan Kesch, Minister for Home Affairs of Luxembourg; Her Excellency Laurentina Mallam, Minister of Environment of Nigeria; His Excellency Samuel Manetoali, Minister for Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology of the Solomon Islands; the representatives of Costa Rica, Peru, Lebanon, Guatemala, Tuvalu, Austria and Greece; Her Excellency Lilianne Ploumen, Minister of International Trade and Development

Cooperation of the Netherlands; the representatives of Argentina, the Holy See and Morocco; and His Excellency Anthony Lecren, Minister of Sustainable Development, Customary Affairs and Management of the Exclusive Economic Zone of New Caledonia (Associate Member).

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 8.

Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 9.

The Conference heard statements by the representatives of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Volunteers, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; the Secretary-General of the Economic Cooperation Organization; and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 9.

Statements by non-governmental organizations [item 10]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 10.

The Conference heard statements by the representatives of the Disability Stakeholder Group, the Scientific and Technological Community Major Group, and the Workers and Trade Unions Major Group.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 10.

Ministerial round table 3 on "Governing disaster risk: overcoming challenges"

The Chair of round table 3, Her Excellency Maria del Pilar Cornejo, National Secretary for Risk Management of Ecuador, opened the round table and made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Indonesia, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mauritius, Nauru, the United Arab Emirates, Uganda, Ghana, Spain, Botswana, Mongolia, Finland, Hungary, Italy, the State of Palestine, the Philippines, Tajikistan, the Sudan, Ethiopia, the Holy See, the United Kingdom, the United States, Fiji and Timor-Leste.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the African Union and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following entities of the United Nations system: the Special Advisor to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on Post-2015 Development Planning, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR).

Statements were also made by representatives of New Caledonia (associated member), the Governorship of Istanbul, Turkey and Duryog Nivaran (Civil Society Organization).

The Chair declared the Ministerial round table 3 closed.

Ministerial round table 4 on "Reducing disaster risk in urban settings"

The Chair of round table 4, His Excellency Pravin Jamnadas Gordhan, Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs of South Africa, opened the round table and made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda, Trinidad and Tobago, Senegal, Germany, Portugal, Poland, Ghana, the Netherlands, Ethiopia, Panama, Niger, Madagascar, Romania, Indonesia, Gambia, Italy, Peru, Egypt, Zambia, Brazil, Guatemala, Canada, China, Colombia, Armenia and Uzbekistan.

A statement was made by the representative of the European Parliament.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following entities of the United Nations system: the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the World Bank Group.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the local governments from Japan and Jordan, as well as by the representative of the University of Brazilia.

The Chair declared the Ministerial round table 4 closed.

High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue 2 "Risk-sensitive investment: Public-private partnerships"

The Chair of the High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue 2, His Excellency Fuat Oktay, Director-General of the Prime Ministry Emergency and Disaster Management Authority of Turkey, opened the dialogue and made a statement.

A keynote address was delivered by Ms. Gaëlle Olivier, Chief Executive Officer of General Insurance, AXA Asia.

The partnership dialogue was moderated by Mr. David Eades, international journalist, who also made a statement.

The floor was then offered to the panellists, who made statements in the following order: Mr. Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs of the Netherlands; Ms. Sandra Wu, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer of Kokusai Kogyo and Chair of UNISDR's Private Sector Advisory Group and Private Sector Partnership; Mr. Toshiyuki Shiga, Representative Director and Vice-Chair, Nissan Motor Corporation; Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; and Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which questions were raised and statements were made by the representatives of Côte d'Ivoire, Mauritania, Swaziland and Zambia.

Statements were made by representatives of the following Major Groups: Business and Industry, Non-Governmental Organizations, Trade Unions and Women.

The Moderator, the Keynote speaker and the panellists responded to comments made and questions raised during the interactive discussion.

The Co-Chair, His Excellency Fuat Oktay, Director-General of the Prime Ministry Emergency and Disaster Management Authority of Turkey, declared the High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue on "Risk-sensitive investment: Public-private partnerships", closed.

General information

More details on the information below are available in document A/CONF.224/INF/1

Security screening

Every effort is being made to ensure that security screening for access to the Conference venue is smooth and fast, but some delays may be unavoidable. All participants are encouraged to arrive early, to avoid bringing large items, and to prepare for screening when approaching the metal detectors.

Information for participants

A note by the Secretariat containing information for participants has been issued as document A/CONF.224/INF/1.

Distribution of official documents

A documents counter with limited hard copies of official documents and the *Journal* for delegations will be located in Exhibition Hall 2 during the plenary meetings of the Conference. Delegations are encouraged to bring their own mobile devices loaded with the relevant documentation. All Conference documents will be available on the Conference website (*click here*). A print-on-demand service will be available for a fee at the Business Centre for those delegations needing extra hard copies.

Circulation of written statements

Pursuant to rule 66 of the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, written statements submitted by the designated representatives referred to in rules 60 to 65 shall be distributed by the secretariat to all delegations in the quantities and in the languages in which the statements are made available to it at the site of the Conference, provided that a statement submitted on behalf of a non-governmental organization is related to the work of the Conference and is on a subject in which the organization has a special competence. Copies of written statements shall not be made by the secretariat and the written statements shall not be issued as official documents of the Conference.

All delegations, prior to delivery of the statement, are kindly requested to e-mail a copy of their statement to wcdrr2015@un.org, indicating in the subject line, "Statement and name of country or organization". Where possible, statements should be provided one day in advance of delivery or at least three hours before the delivery of the statement for onward transmission to interpreters and secretariat note-takers and for posting on the Conference website.

Arrangements for bilateral meetings

For bilateral meetings among States at the Head of State or Government or ministerial level, requests can be sent to wcdrr2015@un.org. To prevent double booking, only the delegation initiating the bilateral meeting should submit the request. Reservations will be accepted for 20-minute durations. It is essential that all requests specify the date and time of each meeting, and include the name of the other delegation participating in the bilateral meeting and expected number of participants. Limited rooms, of varying sizes with a capacity to hold between eight, ten or twelve participants in total, will be available for

bilateral meetings. Every effort will be made to keep consecutive appointments of the same delegation in the same room.

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